



BEMIS BULLETIN BOARD (B³) December 2018



Week of December 3

Bemis Parent Advisory Committee Fundraiser



The Bemis Parent Advisory Committee is hosting a Chipotle Restaurant fundraiser on **Saturday, December 8th** between 5:00 and 9:00 PM. Bring the flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier that you are supporting Bemis Junior High School and the school will receive 33% of the proceeds.

[Click here for Flyer](#)

Builders Club – THANK YOU!



Builders Club would like to thank you for your generosity and support of our fall projects. Together, our Bemis community raised **\$344.25** for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. All proceeds will be donated to Kiwanis International and UNICEF who have joined forces to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) worldwide. In addition, our 33rd annual Kiwanis Canned Food Drive was a success with over **2,500 cans** and other non-perishable food items collected for local Macomb county families this holiday season. Thank you for helping us help others!

Toys for Tots



Student Council will be collecting Toys for Tots starting **Monday, November 26 through Thursday, December 13**. Please bring in any new, unwrapped toy and help put a smile on a child's face this holiday season.

Coats for Kids



Drop off NEW coats, hats, gloves to any donation center **by January 4th** to help keep a K-6 child warm this winter. Antolin Shelby will pick them up and deliver them to UCS elementary schools for children in need. For more information and a list of Donation Centers, [click here](#).

UAIS- Utica Academy for International Studies



On **December 10th**, during 4th hour lunches, students will have the opportunity to talk with and ask questions about the Utica Academy for International Studies program. The mission of UAIS is *to engage our students and to cultivate their abilities through individualized attention and the support of our community of educators, learners, and parents.*

This collaborative environment and the rigorous, comprehensive, and internationally-minded curriculum challenge the learner to grow personally and academically. As students develop into enlightened, globally-aware citizens, the skills and understanding that they acquire at UAIS will help them lead today and improve tomorrow.

[Click here](#) for more information

Spartan of the Month – November

Each month, Bemis staff members can nominate students to be a Spartan of the Month. Staff members look for students who display various success skills: organization, initiative, integrity, and responsibility are just a few of the examples. Spartans of the Month will receive a "Front of the Line pass," be honored at lunch that month, be listed here, on our website and be featured on our in-school tv's. Great job Spartans!



7th Grade: Lanita Masour, Trinity Miller, Joseph Mocerri, Robert Ogilvy

8th Grade: Rayyan Ansari, Grace Basilisco, Adrianna Chappelle, Max Dombeck, Adrian Gjerkaaj, Casey Plotzke, Ranyah Rafiq, Jorden Walker-Jackson

7th and 8th Grade Concerts



December 5: Choir Concert at Henry Ford II High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) at 7:00 PM.

December 19: Band Concert in the Bemis Gym at 7:00 PM

Sporting Events



7th Grade Boys Basketball: The **FIRST** game is December 3rd vs Davis @ 4:00
The **NEXT** game is December 6th vs Jeannette @ 4:00
8th Grade Boys Basketball: The **FIRST** game is December 3rd vs Davis @ 5:30
The **NEXT** game is December 6th vs Jeannette @ 5:30

Click here for the [boys basketball schedules](#).

7th & 8th Grade Athletic Admission and Prices

7th & 8th Grade Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Track: Students = \$1.00/Adults = \$2.00

7th & 8th Grade Competitive Cheer: Admission is generally \$5 and no passes are accepted

7th & 8th Grade Season Home Game Pass: Students: \$20.00/Adult Family Pass = \$30.00 (Admits 2 adult members 18 years and older)

Senior Citizen Pass: No charge. Lifetime Pass, age 62 years and older. Admits bearer to all UCS athletic home events.

**Free admission for all K-6 students when accompanied by parent or adult.

All season passes may be purchased in the main office. Please send check or money order only, made payable to Utica Community Schools.

You may also purchase passes through PaySchools. [Click here](#) to purchase your passes online. To redeem online purchases, the original printed receipt from the transaction, must be provided to the ticket attendant for their records.

Student Clubs

Strive Homework Club – ‘Drop-in’, come when you need help. Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:05-4:00 in the Media Center.

SWAT Homework Club – Need permission from the counseling office. Will meet every Tues in the Media Center from 3:05-4:00.

Builders Club – The Next meeting is TBA- before school at 7:30 AM in Room 43.

Ecology Club – Dec 5th after school until 3:30 PM in Room 29.

Forensics Club – Every Friday after school until 4:00 PM in Room 39.

Static Club - Every Wednesday before school at 7:30 AM in the Room 38.

Student Council – Next meeting is Jan 15th- after school from 3:00-3:30 PM in Room 11.

[Click here](#) for more information about the clubs at Bemis.

Used Battery Recycling



The Bemis Jr. High Ecology Club is recycling used household batteries. There is a battery recycling box in the library to collect the used batteries, so send in your batteries to be recycled!

Bemis Parent Advisory Committee

The Bemis Parent Advisory Committee allows parents to meet with school administration to learn more about what is happening at our school. Parents also have an opportunity to discuss school-wide issues and concerns. Meetings are once per month.

Next meeting is **December 11th at 5:00 PM** in the Bemis Presentation Room.

Bemis Athletic Booster Club

Bemis Athletic Booster Club meetings are once per month in the Bemis Junior High Presentation Room.

Next meeting is **December 11th at 6:00 PM** in the Bemis Presentation Room.

School Texting Service



Bemis Junior High School and Utica Community Schools have a service for parents who would like information texted directly to them. The texting service provides school news and announcements, district information such as emergency school closing situations, or updates issued from UCS departments, such as transportation. To join this system, please text “Y” to 67587.

Note – if you have previously registered for this system and are not receiving texts from our school or UCS, please contact the school office to ensure we have your most recent cell phone number is on file.

Word of the day

Monday	Species	A group of living things that are the same in many important ways. *Cats and dogs belong to different species .
Tuesday	Presume	To take for granted; assume. *I presumed you would wait for me even if I was late.
Wednesday	Negative	Saying or meaning “no”. *He gave a negative answer to the question.
Thursday	Expand	To make larger or wider. *The supermarket expanded its parking lot.
Friday	Complicate	To make more difficult to do or understand. *the bad weather complicated our vacation plans.

Fun Fact



Playing with snow can keep you trim. According to The History of the Snowman, laboring for an hour to build a snowman burns approximately 238 calories. That's more than dancing and not far from what you'd burn going for a bike ride.

The Pit Stop – School Store



The Pit Stop will be open every day during 4th hour lunches. Students may buy string backpacks, school supplies, Spirit wear, and so much more!

**Click here for an order form- [Bemis Spiritwear](#) **

You can turn in the form, with cash or check (payable to Bemis Jr. High), to either the Pit Stop or the front Office. Orders will be placed monthly.

2018-2019 Bemis Yearbooks



Order your 2018-2019 Bemis Yearbook today at Jostensyearbooks.com.

Kroger Plus card



Did you know that you can not only earn points for yourself, but you can also earn points for our school? How? It's easy! Just shop at Kroger and [link](#) your Plus Card to Bemis Jr. High.

Bemis Calendar



Keep up to date with all Bemis events on our website [CALENDAR](#). Club meetings, sporting events, spirit days, days off, conferences... As soon as information is available it is updated on the website calendar.

Bemis Staff and Student Identification Card Policy

As a component of our school security and safety procedures, we have purchased and issued lanyards to all students in order for them to wear their school identification cards throughout the school day. The wearing of identification badges provides a professional setting and promotes College and Career Readiness for all students. Many workplaces, as well as colleges require the wearing of identification badges as well. Teaching and support staff have been wearing identification badges, while at school for many years.

Backpack Policy



Bemis students can no longer carry full-size backpacks during the school day from class to class. These backpacks have become a safety issue in both our hallways and classrooms. Backpacks must remain in student lockers during the school day. If a student chooses to, he/she may carry a nylon drawstring tote from class to class. These hold a maximum of two (2) books and can hang on the back of student chairs. These nylon drawstring totes are available for purchase in our school store, The Pitstop. They are also available at stores throughout the community.

Dress Code

Bemis follows the dress code located in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). This dress code does differ from the elementary school dress code. Student conduct is affected by student dress. Bemis strives to maintain a comfortable learning environment and our staff appreciates parental support in guiding appropriated dress for school. Students not conforming to the district code will have to call home for a change of clothing or wear a clean t-shirt and/or sweatpants provided by the school for the day.

Junior High School Parent and Student Handbook

The Utica Community Schools Parent-Student Handbook serves as quick references for families seeking answers to school policies, procedures and district activities. UCS Handbooks are published for elementary, junior high and senior high schools. Each handbook is created with student learning and parent partnership in mind.

You are encouraged to download a copy and find the answers you seek at your leisure. Save a copy for future reference or go back and visit again. Remember: Handbooks are updated each year. Please click here to find the [2018-19 Handbook](#).

PowerSchool

Parents and students can view their student's schedules, attendance and grades. [Click here](#) to access the PowerSchool Portal. Parents with multiple UCS students can now create an account to access all of their data with a single login. Parents will need the access ID and access password for each student. Access IDs and passwords follow students from year to year. Please contact the main office with any questions.

Bemis Attendance Line

Parents are reminded to call the school attendance line, 586-797-2599, to report their child's absence or tardiness. In order to be excused, all late/tardy students must be called in by a parent. A doctor's note **must** be provided to excuse late/tardy arrivals. Bemis Attendance line is available 24 hours a day. All late arrival/tardy students must report to the Main Office upon arrival to receive a late pass. If your child is absent and we have not received notification, we will call the parents.

Early Dismissal

Students who need to be excused during the school day should bring a signed note from their parents to the Main Office before school begins that morning. The note should include the date, time, and reason for dismissal as well as who will be picking the child up. By doing this, we keep classroom disruptions to a minimum as well as have your child waiting for you in the Main Office when you arrive. PLEASE NOTE: Anyone signing a student out, must show identification and that person must also be on the students' yellow Emergency Card. Students will not be released to anyone that is not listed on the Emergency Card.

Homework Requests

Homework requests are not accepted until the third consecutive day of absence. You may request your child's homework on that third day by emailing your child's teacher. You can find a list of email addresses by [clicking here](#).

Use of Electronic Communication Devices is Prohibited

The personal use of cell phones or other electronic communications devices (ECD) by students is prohibited at **any time** while in school or in a district vehicle. Students may carry ECDs during the school day, but they cannot be displayed or used without permission from a teacher or administrator for educational purposes. Personal use of the device shall be limited to the time before and after the school day and only when students are outside the building. ECDs shall not be used during instructional time, lunch, passing time between classes or on any school bus without permission of a school official. The use of an ECD's picture-taking or internet connection capability is not permitted without permission of a teacher or administrator. Utica Community Schools will not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage of any ECD. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against students who violate the policy regulating ECDs.

If a student's ECD rings/vibrates during the school day, the ECD will be confiscated and must be picked up in the main office by the student's parent. Should this occur a second time, the student will receive a one-day suspension. If a student uses an ECD anytime inside the school, the ECD will be confiscated and the student will receive a one-day suspension.

Breakfast –Start the day right – come join us for breakfast!

A nutritious breakfast is available for students starting at 7:45 AM. The cost is \$1.75, milk included. Milk alone is \$0.45. For students with an approved free or reduced-price application on file, the price is \$0.30 or free. A variety of food choices are offered. We look forward to serving our students the most important meal of the day!

Lunch



Full lunches are \$2.75 for elementary students, \$2.90 for junior high students and \$2.95 for high school students. Milk is \$0.45 at all levels. [Click here](#) to view how to apply for free lunch, put money in your student's account, and more. Applications for free & reduced lunch must be filled out every year.

Food and Nutrition Service Meal Policy

A new meal charging policy is in effect this year in an effort to provide clear and consistent meal account procedures, including the charging of meals and handling and disposition of negative meal balances. When a student meal charge creates a negative balance, prompt repayment is expected. To bring the meal account up to date, families can make deposits online, send cash or a check to school with the student's full name on the memo line (checks made payable to Utica Community Schools).

By establishing an account with [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) through the food and nutrition service link on the district website (<http://www.uticak12.org/foodandnutrition>) or app, families/parents can monitor balances and receive low balance email alerts on their students' account. Students who pay for meals may only charge (have a negative account balance) up to five (5) meals (breakfast and/or lunch). If a student has a zero or negative account balance, they will not be allowed to make any a la carte or beverage purchases. After the fifth charge, students will not be able to make purchases of any kind in the cafeteria using their meal accounts. Instead students will be offered a regular meal (alternate meal).

Alternate meals are provided at no charge and include all the components federally required to qualify for a reimbursable meal. Alternate meals will continue to be offered while the negative balance is being resolved. For elementary school households, auto-messages from the school regarding negative/low balances are initiated weekly each Thursday (by email if provided or letter sent home). When an account balance is low or negative, cashiers will share that information with the student in a respectful age-appropriate manner. Please contact the Food and Nutrition Services Department at 586-797-1180 for further assistance.

Parents and Visitors

Everyone who enters Bemis Junior High must report to the Main Office. This is a school district policy. You will need to sign in, put a visitor's pass on, and our office staff will be glad to assist you.

Body Spray

Bemis Junior High has several students and staff members who have allergic reactions to strong perfumes, after-shave and men's cologne. The reactions range from mild to severe headaches that can result in nausea and being sent home from school. In addition, strong perfume smells can trigger asthma attacks. Junior high is filled with a variety of smells ranging from strawberries to old spice. When those smells dominate the hallways, problems do occur. We are asking students to put on your favorite fragrance once in the morning before school. Please do not bring in bottles and sprays of cologne, after-shave and perfume to re-apply throughout the day.

Recycle for Charity at Bemis



Look for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Donation Bin, located in the receiving driveway on the east side of Bemis Junior High. All items will go to the Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization located in Westland. Tax receipts can be found in the office. Donate your gently used clothes, shoes, toys, and small house appliances. DAVThriftMichigan.com